

Claim 4, page 6, line 1:

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Claim 5, page 6, line 1:

Change "any of claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, page 6, line 1:

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Claim 7, page 6, line 1:

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Claim 8, page, line 1:

Change "any of the preceding claims" to -- claim 1--.

Claim 9, page 7, line 1:

Change "any of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--.

Claim 10, page 7, line 1:

Change "1, 2, or 3," to --1,--.

Claim 13, page 7, line 1:

Change "10, 11, or 12" to --10--.

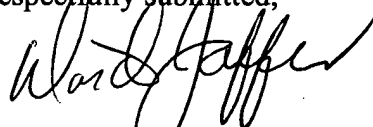
Claim 15, page, line 1:

Delete "or according to claim 13 or 14,".

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned with questions.

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